


It is intended that claim 3 now read as originally filed, and as shown in the amended claims attached hereto.

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AMENDED CLAIMS

3. (Twice amended) The microorganism of claim 2, further comprising an inactivating mutation in a native gene selected from the group consisting of a *pab* gene, a *pur* gene, an *aro* gene, *nadA*, *pncB*, *galE*, *pmi*, *fur*, *rpsL*, *ompR*, *htrA*, *hemA*, *cdt*, *cya*, *crp*, *dam*, *phoP*, *phoQ*, *rfc*, *poxA*, *galU*, *mviA*, *sodC*, *recA*, *ssrA*, *sirA*, *inv*, *hilA*, *rpoE*, *flgM*, *tonB*, and *slyA*.